

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects Group 1 and identifies claims 1-7 that encompass the elected Group. Applicant has cancelled claims 8-12 without prejudice and while preserving its right to file divisional applications thereon.

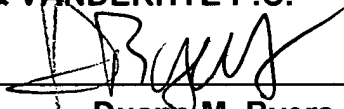
Applicant has also amended the claims in more conventional US patent claim format. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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